

Kind words cost nothing, but are of great value to the tired and overtaxed. I have a kind word for you, and I have a hand, that has been a welcome visitor at my home for more than twenty years. I call it "Kind Words." "Prayer for Our Own Folks." I fully agree in the praise of children; as they are growing up under the care of their parents, and I am willing them for future success. Kind words will stimulate them to action, more than harsh ones. It is natural for children to have a desire to please, and they will manifest a deep interest in their welfare.

They will be more willing to conform to their wishes, and to obey when their small acts of usefulness are fully appreciated. On the other hand, children must have a place to go, and a person to go to, to attach them to their home. I think parents have a great responsibility resting on them; it is their duty to be right, kind, and gentle, and to be a good example for them for future success.

Kind words will be kind to each other. That is the way to live.





## Today.

For the Maine Farmer.

**A Leak in the Dark.**  
One eve, as twilight was gathering, and the house was dark, the little three-year-old darling of the family, who had been playing, and there, on the twilight deepest, Undecided in her play, she said, "A漏 in the door, and was afraid."

"Farm," she called, "come get Maudie." And away, running, went to mother. "Maudie, I must start and fall." "We are up to the foot of the stairs." "A漏 in the door, and I must start and fall." "Well, I am," says she, "but where would he be?"

She heard him speaking to her, She knew that he was there, And she stopped, and was answering. She jumped from the top of the stairs.

I thought of the time before, "The door is open, and the door is open." "How, how, Father, give me the door."

"That I may trust thee ever, To guide my blundering heart."

That is like a song in the day.

—*John G. Whittier.*

Our thought of this is glad with hope; Our thought of this is glad with joy; Our thought of this is glad with tears; The way is down no false steps.

Pray to God to give us rest and rest; And to God's grace only trust made; In future take before us, and the time of rest.

The best is that we have to day.

No lack was in thy primal stock, When thy first home was built; There were men of Plymouth Rock, And men of Boston, and of New England.

And then when the endurance gained, The freedom of the soul of men, Whose hands were planted in the soil of Penn.

And time shall be the power of all To do the work that bids.

And then the hand of Heaven shall fall As lasting at the Pyramids.

The last all the world shall share, The last all the world shall bear.

East's furthest mountain top shall burst With the lightning of the last great day.

Great, without seeking to be great; By fraud or conquest—rich in gold, But poor in soul; and with the hand Of virtue which thy children hold.

With peace that comes of purity, And strength to simple justice due, And love to all the world; and God of our fathers! make it true.

Oh, land of latitude! to thee we give Our love, our strength, our freedom, free; For then thy sons shall nobly stand, And be by us, and the world, the land.

## Our Story Teller.

The Doctor's Eldest Daughter.

By MARGARET STYRON.

"Who are we going to make?" cried Sophronia, in a pretty passion, and twisting the end of her apron strings savagely in her fingers.

"I like you very well," said her mother. "How silly you are!"

"I like you very well," said the doctor, "but I have a lot to say to you."

"And I like you very well," said Sophronia, sharply. "Do you hear?"

"Yes," said Abby, "please, do."

"I like you very well," said Sophronia, sharply. "Do you hear?"

"I like you very well," said Abby.

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